



## Conservation Education

The **Indiana Demonstration Forest Program** identifies private forest landowners who are doing an exemplary job of forest management and assists in networking those landowners with others interested in improving and/or diversifying their forest management practices. There are currently 25 private woods designated as Indiana Demonstration Forests. In 2008 there were 14 field events hosting 383 people.

**Project Learning Tree** is a curricular supplement used nationwide to introduce pre-K through 12 students to complex environmental issues, using the forest as a “window to the world”. In 2008, there were nearly 700 educators trained in the program. Thirty new workshop facilitators were added to the team of statewide facilitators. The first pre-service faculty workshop was conducted with 14 faculty members from 10 Indiana colleges and universities who will integrate PLT into their science methods courses. A forestry bus tour was conducted and Advanced PLT workshops on tree identification and Map, Compass and GPS. Indiana’s Project Learning Tree State Coordinator served as a mentor to assist Wisconsin’s program as part of the national PLT Model Program Initiative. Time donated to the state by facilitators and other volunteers totaled more than \$10,000.

The first **Environmental Education Symposium** was held in Indianapolis to examine both state and national issues and trends in the field. National Project Learning Tree Director Kathy McGlaufflin was a keynote speaker, and author Richard Louv addressed the Symposium via webinar. The event was attended by 130 formal and non-formal educators and served to initiate efforts to revise Indiana’s 1996 Environmental Education Implementation Plan.